



PRESS RELEASE

Captain and Mrs. O'Neill were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lynch at luncheon in Iveagh House today. Captain O'Neill was accompanied by Mr. Harold Black (Secretary to the Cabinet); Sir Cecil Bateman (Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, and Head of the Civil Service); Mr. K. P. Bloomfield (Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet); and Mr. J. Y. Malley (Private Secretary to the Prime Minister).

Also present at the luncheon were Mr. Aiken (Minister for External Affairs); Mr. Childers (Minister for Transport and Power); Mr. Blaney (Minister for Agriculture); Mr. Haughey (Minister for Finance); and Mr. Colley (Minister for Industry and Commerce); together with Dr. Whitaker (Secretary to the Department of Finance); Dr. Nolan (Secretary to the Government); and Mr. McCann (Secretary to the Department of External Affairs).

At a conference after lunch a general review took place of matters of common interest, including trade, tourism and economic and cultural relations generally. It was agreed that the utmost effect would continue to be given to the policy of promoting consultation, co-operation and goodwill in all these spheres.

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